

FACT SHEET AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
ON AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONSENT  
BETWEEN THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
AND ASARCO, INCORPORATED

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and ASARCO, INCORPORATED have negotiated an Administrative Order on Consent under Section 106 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (Superfund). ASARCO has agreed to conduct site stabilization and Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study activities at ASARCO's Tacoma, Washington smelting facility under EPA oversight. This consent order resulted from EPA's concerns about arsenic and heavy metals contamination detected at the facility.

Site stabilization activities at the Tacoma smelter will involve the demolition of various facilities that were associated with copper smelting and the production of arsenic trioxide and metallic arsenic. These activities will include the containment and/or removal of contaminated soils, surface water, and debris. The site stabilization program will also include demolition of the brick flues, the arsenic plant, and miscellaneous structures on the site.

The purpose of the Remedial Investigation (RI) is to determine the nature and extent of contamination on-site and its potential impact on human health and the environment. The RI will include characterization of wastes, groundwater, surface water, soils, air quality, aquatic resources, and slag leaching, as well as receptor identification. The RI will be followed by a Feasibility Study to evaluate alternatives to prevent and/or mitigate potential impacts from the contamination found on the site.

ASARCO has retained Parametrix, Inc., Hart-Crowser, and TRC Environmental Consultants, Inc. to conduct the RI/FS in accordance with guidelines provided by EPA. Project Coordinators from both EPA and ASARCO will be involved in overseeing the RI/FS.

A public meeting will be held on September 23rd at 7:00 pm to explain the order and the work to be done at the facility, and to answer any related questions. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, at 3629 South D St. in Tacoma. The order is open to public comment from September 11th to October 2nd, 1986. It is available for review at a number of local sites, which are listed on the attached page.

Comments on this order should be sent to Carol Thompson of the EPA at:

U.S. EPA (M/S 525)  
1200 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98101



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TACOMA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Main Branch  
1102 Tacoma Avenue So.  
Tacoma, Washington 98402

Fern Hill Branch  
765 South 84th  
Tacoma, Washington 98408

Kobetich Branch  
212 Browns Point Blvd. NE  
Tacoma, Washington 98422

McCormick Branch  
3722 North 26th  
Tacoma, Washington 98407

Moore Branch  
215 South 56th  
Tacoma, Washington 98408

Mottet Branch  
3523 East G  
Tacoma, Washington 98404

South Tacoma Branch  
3411 South 56th  
Tacoma, Washington 98409

Swasey Branch  
7001 6th Avenue  
Tacoma, Washington 98406

PIERCE COUNTY LIBRARIES

Lakewood Library  
6300 Wildaire Road SW  
Tacoma, Washington 98499

Parkland Library  
404 Garfield South  
Tacoma, Washington 98444

University Place Library  
4202 Bridgeport Way W  
Tacoma, Washington 98466

Puyallup Library  
424 South Meridian  
Puyallup, Washington 98371

ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS

UPS Library  
1500 North Warner  
Tacoma, Washington 98406

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department  
3629 South D St.  
Tacoma, Washington

Pierce County Council

PLU Library  
121st & South Park Avenue  
Tacoma, Washington 98444

Tacoma City Council

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